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Real Estate Owned (REO) is a term used to describe properties that are owned by a lender, such as a bank or credit union, after an unsuccessful sale at a foreclosure auction [1]. These properties are also known as bank-owned properties [1]. When a borrower defaults on their mortgage, the lender will foreclose on the property and attempt to sell it at auction. If the property does not sell, the lender becomes the owner of the property and it becomes an REO property [1].

If you're interested in purchasing an REO property, you can check the websites of national banks for a list of REO properties for sale [1]. Smaller banks and lenders may also have online listings for REO properties they currently hold [1]. You can also find realtors who specialize in REO properties and work with lenders to sell bank-owned properties [1].

I hope this helps. Is there anything else I can help you with?

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